

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the pending claims:

31. (Currently Amended) A method for distribution of content, comprising:
distributing ~~information~~ encrypted content-mastered optical disks to a plurality of users, wherein each optical disk includes the encrypted mastered content, a writeable area, and a unique identifier and wherein a first portion of the encrypted mastered content on each optical disk is readable by an optical disk reader ~~only~~ in response to the following steps:
distributing a first permission code to the optical disk reader in exchange for a first payment;
generating a first access code by using the first permission code and the unique identifier; and
writing the first access code onto the writeable area using the optical disk reader; and
~~reading~~ decrypting the first portion of the encrypted mastered content stored on the optical disk by using the first access code.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein distributing the first permission code comprises distributing the first permission code via an Internet communications link.

33. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the encrypted mastered content includes content selected from among text content, music content, software and motion picture content.

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34. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein a second portion of the encrypted mastered content on each optical disk is readable by an optical disk reader only in response to the following steps:

distributing a second permission code to the optical disk reader in exchange for a second payment,

generating a second access code by using the second permission code and the unique identifier; and

writing the second access code onto the optical disk, whereby the optical disk reader may read decrypt the second portion of the encrypted mastered content stored on the optical disk by using the second access code.

35. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein said step of distributing information encrypted content-mastered optical disks comprises unsolicited distributing of the information encrypted content-mastered optical disks.

36. (cancelled)

37. (cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said first payment is a payment performed by authorizing a charge to a credit or debit account over a communications link.

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39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first access code is generated by a computer which is remotely connected to the optical disk reader over a communications link.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein said communications link is an Internet link.

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